

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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The present invention relates to a novel DNA related to IgA nephropathy obtained by a differential display method [FEBS Letters, 351, 231 (1994)] taking note of an mRNA whose expression level fluctuates in leukocytes of IgA nephropathy patients in comparison with leukocytes of healthy persons, a process for isolating the DNA, a method for detecting the DNA, a novel protein encoded by the DNA, an antibody recognizing the protein, a method for detecting the protein, and diagnosis and treatment of IgA nephropathy.

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